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Representatives

named by Superintendent to serve on Advisory Board

A policy giving cadets greater representation on the Advisory Board to the Superintendent was announced by Col. Malcolm H. Livick, February 23 during morning assembly.

Seven cadets will sit on the Advisory Board as full board members except during executive meetings and Honor Committee sessions. According to Col. Livick, executive meetings are those that do not concern cadet life, "although cadet life is a broad term and somewhat difficult to define specifically."

Cadets on the board will share a voice in determining school policy and each will have a vote equal to those of faculty board members.

The cadets to serve on the Advisory Board, selected by the current board itself and approved by Col. Livick, are Charles Knapp, Allen Collins, James Hunter, Maximo Rodriguez, Christopher Vetick, Carl Kellogg, and Paul Thomson.

Each cadet company and the battalion staff are represented on the newly constituted board. Faculty members of the Advisory Board include Col. C. E. Savedge, Chairman, Capt. R. Tim Mannasmith, Secretary, Col. Glen Koogler, Col. David Rapp, Col. Paul V. Hoover, Col. Herbert Lucus, Capt. Carl Browning, Maj. Paul Andrews, and Maj. Merlyn Wright.

MT men prepare for May excursion

Joe Kennedy

During a recent Saturday morning assembly, Maj. Merlyn Wright, SAI, announced that the AMA Military Department had scheduled a cadet field trip for the second week in May.

The field trip decision resulted from suggestions by cadets in Augusta's military training classes, Maj. Wright explained. He stated further that the trip will provide for practical application of previous MT class work and for additional on the spot instruction by US Army Special Forces units that will be assigned to the operation.

In a course evaluation study Maj. Wright found that most cadets felt more field trips would improve Augusta's military program. "The problem is that the school doesn't have the needed items, such as mess kits and shelters," he noted.

Such problems, however, have been worked out with the help of the Girl Scouts of Washington, D.C. In return for the use of their facilities at Camp May Hather, Virginia, about 25 miles from the Academy in the Todd Lake area, AMA cadets will prepare those facilities for the use of the Girl Scouts in the summer. The Camp May Hather facilities include shelters, a mess hall, and water supply systems.

A Special Forces "B" team of the US Army stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, will be assigned to teach cadets in such

areas as first aid and personal hygiene.

The "B" team is capable of battalion size operations. It is composed of 48 men. In turn the "B" team is divided into four "A" teams, each of which is highly skilled in almost all phases of military and medical work.

Four to serve

Honor Committee modified

A modified version of Augusta's long established Honor Committee has been introduced into the Academy's Honor System. The change was announced by Col. Malcolm H. Livick during morning assembly February 24.

Cadet members of the Ad Astra Society, election to which is the highest honor Augusta can bestow, and two selected cadets will sit with the Superintendent's Advisory Board and in conjunction with it assume the roles of past honor committees.

The current cadet Ad Astra's are Mark Femrite, Stride Coleman, and Richard Whitaker. Also selected to sit on the committee were Cadets Doug Driscoll and Doug Pennock.

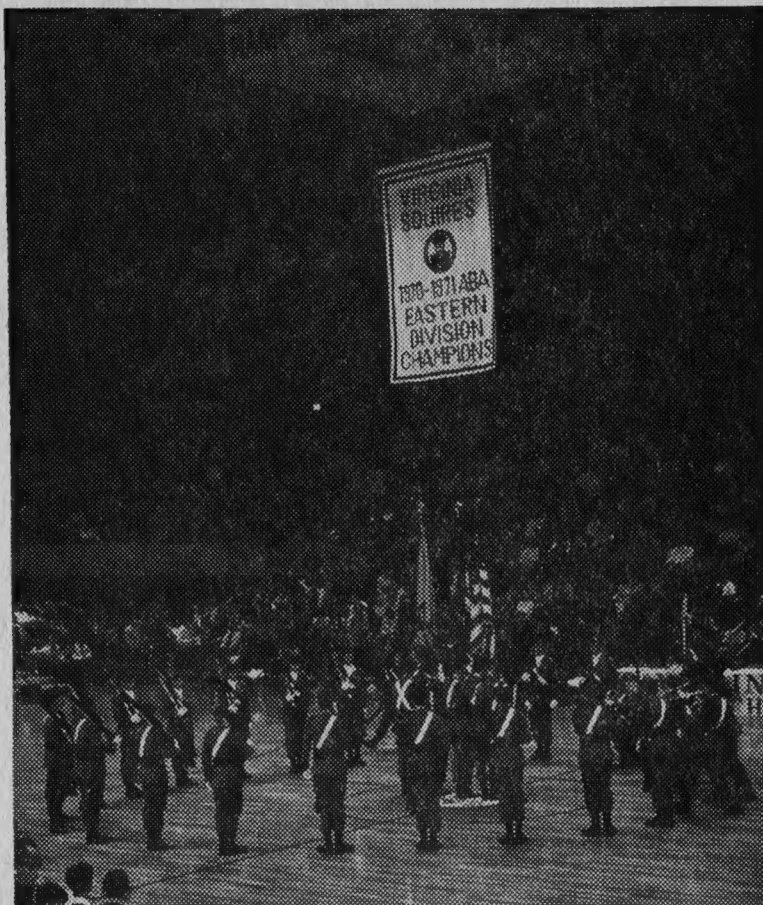
In past years the Honor Committee consisted of seven cadets selected by the Superintendent. The committee presided over trials for those cadets turned in by cadets and faculty for violating the AMA Honor Code. The committee would judge guilt and recommend penalties to the Advisory Board, which in turn could approve or amend the committee's recommendations and forward them to the Superintendent for final approval.

The new system is an outgrowth of several studies and workshops conducted last year on the effectiveness and enforcement of the Honor Code and the value of the committee. The results of these studies found the system lacking in several respects.

"We didn't want to scratch the whole system," said Col. Livick, "but I hope the revisions will solve some of the problems that were evident last year, and I am sure it will at least solve the communications gap between the cadets on the committee and the Advisory Board."

Parachuting onto a nearby field they will make a "grand entry" and will leave by plane from a nearby dirt airstrip.

Rations and transportation have yet to be arranged, but assistance in this area is expected from the Quartermaster Supply Center located at Fort Lee, Virginia.



An appreciative crowd awaits commander Doug Pennock's command for the Roller Rifles'

famous movement, the Queen Ann Salute.

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Anything put into a system to achieve a result or an output is called INPUT. The names on this page belong to those who are putting in and getting something out of the system called, AMA.

OTA lists four cadets

Joe Kennedy

Four students have been nominated by Col. Malcolm H. Livick to represent Augusta Military Academy as Outstanding Teenagers of America.

Cadets Harry Baldwin, Mark Femrite, Richard Whitaker, and Douglas Driscoll are the nominees for this honor.

According to the board of advisors of the Outstanding Teenagers of America Society, criteria for selection as OTA include demonstrated leadership ability, unusual talents, excellent academic achievement, and community service.

Augusta's nominees are eligible for state, regional, and na-

tional awards and scholarships. From the 50 state winners, two, a boy and a girl, will be chosen as the national scholarship winners and will be granted over \$7,000 in scholarships.

Former Secretary of the Interior, Walter Hickel said of the nominees, "You have been recognized for what you did yesterday and what you are today."

Praised by Nixon

In a personal message to OTA nominees, President Nixon said, "I share the pride of your parents, teachers, and friends in your achievements. America is richer for your fine public spirit and for the promise you bring."

Alumni reunion scheduled

AMA's Alumni Association Board of Directors has announced plans for an alumni reunion during the weekend of May 12-14.

Meeting at the Academy February 12-13, the board scheduled an opening reception for the Alums at White Hall on Friday, May 12. On Saturday, a general business meeting will be held, followed by a social hour, buffet, and dance. Academy cadets will honor the visiting alumni during Sunday Parade on May 14.

The board meeting was attended by Mr. Mickey Gordon, Association President, Mr. David Conrad, Association Secretary, Col. Malcolm H. Livick, AMA Superintendent, Mrs. Livick, and Capt. Ernest James, Executive Secretary of the Association.

Also present were Mr. George Holt, Mr. William McClung, Mr. Calvin Thomas, Dr. John Young, and Col. S. S. Wales.

According to Capt. James, as many as 200 alumni (with wives and guests) are expected to return for the reunion.

Squires' fans cheer Augusta drill team

Performing an American Basketball Association half-time show, during the Virginia Squires-New York Nets game at Hampton Roads Coliseum, January 14, AMA's Roller Rifles and Color Guard were well received by both the audience and the Squires.

Prior to the game, groups of cadets were allowed into the locker room to talk with and get autographs from the Virginia Squires basketball team. The Color Guard was asked to participate in the game's invocation due to its outstanding pre-game display.

According to Capt. E. T. James, there is a very good possibility that the Roller Rifles and Color Guard will be asked to perform at an ABA divisional playoff game in Richmond in the spring.



Cadets Bradley and Baldwin; sitting high as time runs out.

Deadlines arrive and few of Augusta's seniors appear college bound

Doug Driscoll

As the deadlines for applying to most colleges and universities near, only a handful of AMA seniors appear to be destined for higher education. When Augusta's 68 English IV students were questioned about their college plans, only 38 per cent said they had even bothered to apply.

Questionnaires were distributed by the **Bayonet**, with the cooperation of the English Department, February 4. Most college deadlines lie between January 1 and February 15.

Standouts do exist, however, in the Class of '72. Six seniors have applied to four or more colleges, seven have been accepted at this early date, four have applied for ROTC or NROTC scholarships, and three have been granted athletic scholarships.

First to be accepted this year was cadet Ray Bradley. While attending Augusta's nonmilitary summer session, Bradley applied to the University of Tennessee and was accepted on July 30 of last year.

Cadet Captain Harry Baldwin has had the most success in applying. He has been accepted by George Mason College in Virginia, Brown University in Rhode Island, Virginia Military Institute, and the US Merchant Marine Academy in New York. Baldwin was offered fencing and military scholarships by VMI. He was also offered a soccer

scholarship by Brown University. He plans to enter the Merchant Marine Academy because, as he puts it, "\$14,000 after I graduate sounds pretty good."

Three cadets, Richard Whitaker, Douglas Driscoll, and Michael Kidd, have applied for Army ROTC Scholarships. Whitaker and Driscoll have made the grade as far as academics and extracurricular activities are concerned and have recently visited Virginia Tech to be interviewed for the awards. Mike Kidd still thinks he has an 85 per cent chance to make it.

Listed are those seniors accepted to college.

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. Baldwin, Harry | US Naval Academy
US Merchant Marine Academy
George Mason College
Brown University
Virginia Military Institute
University of Tennessee
University of North Carolina
Denison University
Bradley University
North Carolina State Univ.
Pfeiffer College
Baltimore City College
Washington and Lee University |
| 2. Bradley, Ray | |
| 3. Buchanan, Tom | |
| 4. Clarke, Blaine | |
| 5. Hunter, Jay | |
| 6. Keennett, Louis | |
| 7. Samuels, Alan | |
| 9. Whitaker, Richard | |



Miss Martha D. Jones; the "Hall's" retiring headmistress.

Disturbances cause cancellation

Sam Wysong

Past disturbances caused by onlookers have forced the Alexandria chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to cancel this year's Annual George Washington Birthday Parade.

Samuel B. DeVaughan, chairman of Alexandria's GW day celebration committee, said that last year a few bystanders mingled with the participants in the parade and threw rocks, eggs, and other refuse. No one was injured, however.

The City Manager's office refused to offer heavy police protection for the parade route this year because it "would not be appropriate at the parade."

In previous years, AMA's Band, Roller Rifles, and Color Guard have marched in the Alexandria parade winning numerous first, second, and third place prizes.

Stuart Hall's Miss Jones to step down

Doug Driscoll

Stuart Hall trustees have found a replacement for Miss Martha Dabney Jones, headmistress of the girls' school that has long had close relations with AMA.

The move, requested by Miss Jones, began January 21 when a special committee on the future of Stuart Hall was named and given the task of finding a replacement for the retiring headmistress.

Successor found

Succeeding Miss Jones will be Mr. Nathaniel Goddard of South Kent, Connecticut, a native of

Boston and a Harvard graduate. He will assume the role of headmaster of Stuart Hall July 1 of this year.

While searching for a replacement, the Stuart Hall Board of Trustees expressed its appreciation to Miss Jones for the strides Stuart Hall has made both academically and physically as a result of her "idealistic dedication and leadership during her 17

years as headmistress."

Her experience in education and civic work has included the deanship of St. Mary's Junior College and service in the Women's Army Corps from 1943 to 1945. While in the WAC's, she was awarded the "Croix de Guerre avec Etoile" by France.

At present, the retiring headmistress has no definite plans for the future.

Augusta earns page in 'Record'

Augusta Military Academy found its way into the **Congressional Record** of the 92nd Congress early this winter.

After spending an evening with six AMA cadets, Congressman Robert H. Michel of Illinois placed the following remarks into the official journal of the nation's highest legislative body:

"In this day, when there is so much controversy about the youth in our country, it was a distinct pleasure for me to be in the company recently of six cadets from one of the nation's leading military preparatory schools, the Augusta Military Academy at Ft. Defiance, Va., located in the beautiful and historic Shenandoah Valley.

"What young men learn in the classroom may be forgotten, but the intangible qualities of integrity, reliability, courtesy, and self-discipline once instilled, stay with a man all his life. These cadets exhibited these qualities in such a high degree as to rekindle our faith in the generation that will follow us. . . .

"I salute the worthwhile institutions which are doing so much to prepare the next generation of our nation's leaders for their calling. Augusta Military, and other fine military elementary and high schools, deserve special appreciation for their contribution to our nation's vitality of leadership."

Congressman Michel is a Republican representative from the 18th district of Illinois. He recorded his comments after meeting with cadets Richard Whitaker, Greg and Eddie McGillicuddy, Tom Peiffer, Lindsay Sharpless, and Frank Beard at the Capitol Hill Club on a dinner date arranged by Mrs. Dita Davis Beard. Mrs. Beard is a lobbyist for IT&T.



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Political Opinion Survey gauges upperclassmen; Nixon policies backed

With the ratification of the 26th Amendment, eighteen-year-olds have been drafted into the American electorate.

In order to gauge the political opinions of Augusta's new or soon-to-be voters, **Bayonet** conducted an opinion survey of the seniors and juniors in AMA's US government and history classes in December.

In all, 87 cadets were polled. The questions asked and cadet response to them follow below.

party preference	
1) To which political party do your parents belong?	
5%—American Independent	
31%—Democratic	
37%—Republican	
27%—none or unsure	
2) To which political party do you belong?	
15%—American Independent	
5%—Democratic	
22%—Republican	
35%—none	
23%—undecided	
3) How do you rate the job President Nixon is doing in the White House?	
5%—excellent	
43.5%—good	
41.5%—satisfactory	
10%—poor	
4) If President Nixon did not run for reelection, which of the following republicans could you support?	
a. Reagan	50%
b. Agnew	23%

c. McCloskey	18%
d. Rockefeller	9%
5) Which of the following democrats could you support for the Presidency?	
a. Kennedy	43%
b. Muskie	25%
c. Humphrey	14%
d. McGovern	11%
e. Lindsay	3.5%
f. Yorty	3.5%
g. Jackson	0%
6) Who would you vote for in each of the following contests?	
a. Nixon	60%
McGovern	12%
Wallace	12%
b. Nixon	50%
Humphrey	10%
Wallace	15%
c. Nixon	46%
Muskie	20%
Wallace	10%
d. Nixon	46%
Lindsay	13%
Wallace	12%
e. Nixon	46%
Yorty	12%
Wallace	13%
f. Nixon	45%
Jackson	12%
Wallace	15%
g. Nixon	35%
Kennedy	25%
Wallace	12%
7) If eligible, do you plan to vote in the 1972 presidential election?	
yes	70%
no	8%
undecided	22%

political philosophy	
1) Do you consider yourself	
a. conservative?	32%
b. liberal?	42%
c. moderate?	26%
2) If a conservative, do you consider yourself	
a. moderately conservative?	61%
b. very conservative?	26%
c. reactionary?	6%
3) If a liberal, do you consider yourself	
a. moderately liberal?	32%
b. very liberal?	32%
c. radical?	36%
4) If a moderate, do you lean toward being	
a. conservative?	44%
b. liberal?	12%
5) Do you feel that since the times change, society must change with them?	
yes	76%
no	9%
undecided	15%
6) Do you feel that history repeats itself?	
yes	43%
no	31%
undecided	26%
Communism	
1) Do you fully understand the concept of Communism?	
yes	59%
no	41%
2) Do you feel that Communism is or could be a workable system?	
yes	37.5%
no	47%

undecided	15.5%
3) Are you afraid of communist aggression?	
yes	70%
no	30%
4) Do you feel that the US can peacefully co-exist with the USSR?	
yes	70%
no	22%
undecided	8%
5) Do you feel that there is an actual communist element in the US actively working for the overthrow of the US government?	
yes	73%
no	11%
undecided	16%
6) Do you feel that this element is supported financially or technically by the USSR or Communist China?	
yes	42%
no	22%
undecided	36%
7) Do you think the "New Left" is supported by or directly involved with this element?	
yes	28%
no	27%
undecided	55%
8) Do you think the current trend toward long hair, rock music, drugs, etc. is at least partially influenced by this communist element?	
yes	25%
no	64%
undecided	11%
9) Will the US eventually become a	

communist state?	
5%—certain to happen	
9%—very good chance	
17%—very possible	
48%—possible, but doubtful	
21%—impossible	
foreign relations	
1) Do you believe in the principle of "peace through strength?"	
yes	43%
no	43%
undecided	14%
2) Do you think the major nuclear powers of the world should disarm?	
yes	51%
no	38%
undecided	11%
3) Do you think the US should disarm whether the USSR agrees to or not?	
yes	7%
no	78%
undecided	15%
4) Will nuclear war break out between the US and the USSR?	
5%—certain to happen	
6%—very good chance	
36%—very possible	
48%—possible, but doubtful	
5%—impossible	
5) Do you consider the UN effective as a world peace keeper?	
yes	33%
no	54%
undecided	13%
6) Should the US withdraw from the UN?	
yes	11%

no	69%
undecided	20%
Vietnam	
1) The US is solely responsible for starting the Vietnam War.	
yes	9%
no	82%
undecided	9%
2) The US should never have entered the Vietnam War.	
yes	26%
no	53%
undecided	21%
3) President Johnson should not have escalated US involvement in the Vietnam War.	
yes	41%
no	29%
undecided	30%
4) The US should immediately and unconditionally withdraw all fighting forces from Vietnam.	
yes	26%
no	64%
undecided	10%
5) The US should withdraw from Vietnam only after the release of all POW's.	
yes	54%
no	22%
undecided	24%
6) President Nixon's policy of Vietnamization is a fair and honorable withdrawal plan.	
yes	47%
no	22%
undecided	31%
7) The US could and should have won the Vietnam War long ago.	

yes	64%
no	18%
undecided	18%
8) The US should not desert Vietnam; US forces should continue to fight until a clear and decisive military victory is attained.	
yes	20%
no	62%
undecided	18%
9) US military objectives in Vietnam have always been clearly defined and obtainable.	
yes	9%
no	70%
undecided	21%
10) The Vietnam War is immoral.	
yes	33%
no	34%
undecided	33%
social issues	
1) Are you racially prejudiced?	
yes	39%
no	61%
2) Do you think the average American is racist or bigoted?	
yes	50%
no	14%
undecided	36%
3) Do you favor busing as a means of achieving school integration?	
yes	78%
no	12%
undecided	10%
4) Do you think marijuana is just like alcohol in that its effects are no more harmful or less harmful?	
yes	65%
no	16%
undecided	19%
5) Do you favor the legalization of marijuana?	

7. Medicare	48%	15%	37%
8. Low Cost Housing	48%	32%	20%
9. Highway Construction	41%	20%	39%
10. Military Defense	41%	33%	26%
11. Space Exploration	36%	26%	38%
12. Social Security	36%	31%	33%
13. Economic Foreign Aid	14%	66%	20%
14. Welfare	14%	71%	15%
15. Military Foreign Aid	12%	62%	26%
spending priorities			
Should more, less, or the same amount of taxpayers' money be spent in each of the following areas?			
	more	less	same
1. Pollution Control	78%	3%	19%
2. Crime Prevention	74%	6%	20%
3. School Improvement	71%	8%	21%
4. Job Training for Unemployed	67%	12%	21%
5. Public Transportation	55%	15%	30%
6. Control of Organized Crime	53%	21%	26%

yes	57%
no	29%
undecided	14%
6) How harsh are present US drug laws?	
severe	52%
lenient	20%
about right	28%
7) Do you favor a government controlled economy?	
yes	24%
no	56%
undecided	20%
8) Do you favor government subsidies for the SST?	
yes	47%
no	39%
undecided	14%
9) Should something be done to curb union power?	
yes	62%
no	19%
undecided	19%
10) Should strikes be restricted if they pose a serious threat to the nation's economy?	
yes	78%
no	12%
undecided	10%
11) Do you favor an all volunteer army?	
yes	72%
no	22%
undecided	6%
12) Do you favor capital punishment?	
yes	45%
no	41%
undecided	14%

Survey indicates apathy, inconsistency on part of students

Augusta's US History and Government students gave their support to President Nixon and his policies in **Bayonet's** Political Opinion Survey conducted last December. However, the statistics seem to indicate that disenchantment with either the present Democratic presidential hopefuls or the Democratic party as a whole, not Nixon's personal popularity, is the reason for his backing by AMA students.

Over 50 per cent of the students rated the job Nixon is doing as just satisfactory or poor, although he would thoroughly defeat any opponents in the 1972 election if AMA students were the electorate.

In a self-evaluation, the students closely aligned themselves with President Nixon, staying just a hair to his right in the ideological spectrum. Thus, although more cadets considered themselves liberal than conservative, those classifying themselves as moderates indicated that

they lean more toward being conservative than liberal.

On the concept of Communism, the students become a bit contradictory. Forty one per cent admitted that they did not fully understand the concept of Communism.

A surprisingly high 37.5 per cent feel that Communism could be a workable system, while at the same time 70 per cent are afraid of Communist aggression, and an equal percentage feels that the United States can peacefully co-exist with the USSR. What is even more inconsistent is the fact that an overwhelming 73 per cent acknowledge that there is an actual Communist element actively working to overthrow the US government.

How far this element actually penetrates our lives is another story, however. The majority feels this element is supported by the USSR and/or China, although a large percentage are undecided. As to whether or not the "New Left" is involved in or supported by this movement, a whopping 45 per cent are undecided while the rest are divided about equally. Finally on the issue of Communist responsibility for the trend toward long hair, drug abuse, rock music, etc., only 11 per cent cannot make up their minds. An overwhelming 64 per cent says "no!"

Surprisingly enough, the conservatism of AMA students seems strongest on the Vietnam issue. According to the cadet majority, the Vietnam story runs like this:

The US was not solely responsible for the war and we were right to enter it in the first place. However, our objectives in the conflict were not clear and we did not actually go into Vietnam with the intention of winning the war. Victory should have been our objective. Now, however, we've lost our chance to win and it's time to

pick up our prisoners and get out—time to get out Nixon's way.

In the area of domestic policy, AMA cadets completely contradict their substantially conservative outlook and strongly support most of the liberal spending programs first initiated in the Roosevelt era.

They would spend more for ecological research and pollution control, job training, improved schools, crime prevention, public transportation, medicare, and housing for the poor. In addition, they believe more should be spent for space exploration, highway construction, social security, and military defense. "Spend more!" seems to be their solution for most national problems.

They reverse themselves on this point, however, in two areas: foreign aid and welfare. Sixty four per cent favor reduction of spending for the former, while 71 per cent favor reduction of spending for the latter.

Another interesting inconsistency revealed by the survey is the fact that while only 39 per cent consider themselves, prejudiced, exactly 50 per cent believe that the average American is racist or bigotted.

A further inconsistency appears in cadet attitudes about government control of the economy. They oppose government control in principle by a two to one margin. Yet 47 per cent favor government subsidies for the SST. Similarly 62 per cent favor curbs on the economic power of labor unions.

The most radical position taken by Academy cadets was on the issue of marijuana. A substantial majority clearly support its legalization on the grounds that it is no more harmful than alcohol.

Doug Driscoll

FEEDBACK

FEEDBACK is a forum for the expression of different ideas and opinions of our readers. We invite you to create some FEEDBACK.



Fellowship is the topic at one of Herb Maher's "revival meetings."

To the Editor:

Jesus Christ is not just a new fad, a new style, a "superstar," but a **movement**.

People are puzzled today because they do not know where or who to turn to with their everyday problems. They seek to find their real selves, but after the search are left more puzzled than before. When they seek help from others, they are usually answered with, "It's up to you!" They turn to drinking alcohol or popping pills to hide their problems from themselves and from society. This is the way they try to find the truth. They won't find it.

Where is the **real** truth? It's not getting drunk or stoned. It's not gambling, or cheating, or spreading

The Revival of JESUS CHRIST

rumors, or lying, or talking behind another's back, or swearing, or stealing. Ask yourself, "Where is the real truth?" Think about your answer. Seriously, this is no joke. If you feel like laughing, hold back for a minute and be honest with yourself. The next time you laugh, you might be laughing at yourself.

"Where is the real truth?" There is only one answer and only one way to find that answer: Christ.

This "truth" is what has caused thousands of drug addicts and alcoholics to kick their habits. This "truth" is what has caused hardened criminals to reform. This "truth" is what has given the diseased the strength to overcome their illnesses. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

The "truth" is catching on throughout the world, even at AMA. Many cadets are "getting into" the Lord by following Christ. They are picking up Bibles instead of Playboys and comic books.

If what you are reading has aroused your curiosity, ask one of us who is into the Lord when our next meeting is. Everyone is invited and welcome to come. You'll be surprised what you discover. "P.T.L." Herb Maher

FEEDBACK

To the Editor:

Just thought I'd drop you a few lines to explain some of my recent ideas. These ideas deal with the worship of "Mumbo Jumbo" (translated into plain English, Mumbo Jumbo means "idiot")!

Of course I don't claim to be the innovator of Mumbo Jumbo's worship, but I can see the beauty of it now. Each morning, after prayer in the Big Room, we could all bow our heads once again in reverent silence to pay tribute to His Lordship Mumbo.

One might ask, why is such a cult needed here at AMA? As a matter of fact, Mumbo is here and very popular already. Yet I have never beheld a parade or any other organized form of celebration in Mumbo's honor. Why shouldn't the virtues which please Mr. Jumbo the most (for example, hypocrisy, narrow-mindedness, immaturity, and self-righteous ignorance) be openly celebrated rather than subtly, covertly recognized?

Maybe a committee of his truest believers could be formed. This committee could set certain orthodox standards for his other believers to follow. The committee chairman and his associates could spend their time considering such subjects as "How terrible a certain person is because he is a red-neck." By the way, what is a red-neck? I'm sure the committee could come up with a precise and pertinent definition. They could also devise

Could Mao be behind your lyrics?

Judging from **Bayonet's** Political Opinion Survey (see related articles on p. 5), two principal shortcomings are apparent in the political ideals of Augusta's soon-to-be voters.

One, cadets are willing to follow the political philosophies of their parents only to the point where these philosophies directly affect or restrict them. And, two, they haven't done their political homework.

It is difficult to understand how 73 per cent of any group of individuals can acknowledge the presence of a Communist element actively working to overthrow the United States, and then how 64 per cent of them deny that this element in any way influences them.

What does John Lennon preach in "Imagine?" The answer: one-worldism, abolition of church and state, everyone sharing everything. This is Communism in a nutshell. Any album that isn't 100 per cent hard-core bubble-gum contains this message or something similar in the lyrics.

When do most musicians write their music? When they're stoned, right? Who started the long hair trend? Musicians, right?

Groups like Emerson, Lake, and Palmer; Led Zeplin; Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young; Deep Purple; etc.; sound a

lot better when you're stoned. All music does. And how much music today is anti-war, anti-establishment, anti-religion, anti-capitalism, or pro-dope, pro-sex, pro-revolution?

If you have done any homework ever, you will know what Marx said had to happen before Communism could succeed: REVOLUTION!

The predominate effect of marijuana is passivity. The American Heritage Dictionary defines "passivity" as the state in which something is "accepting without objection or resistance; submissive; compliant." Take a look at one of your more "burnt out" friends.

Now who would want America's children, its future leaders, smoking dope, becoming passive, and listening to the anti-war, anti-establishment, and pro-revolution lyrics of Lennon, Stills, Nash, Michaels, etc.?

Somewhere there's a connection. To see it is all that is necessary. This editorial is not a "put down" on rock music, long hair, or drugs. It is merely a suggestion that all those "red-necks" like John Birchers, Goldwaterites, and Ronald Reagan may have a point.

In this, so-called "enlightened generation," is it possible that we might be as closed and narrow minded as everyone else?

Doug Driscoll

The intention is there, but the meaning isn't

Two recent revisions in school policy have created a considerable amount of controversy among cadets and faculty alike. These changes, dealing with the Honor Committee and the Superintendent's Advisory Board, appear in a sense to be completely contradictory to each other.

Seating cadets on the Advisory Board was a move directed at giving cadets more representation and a greater voice in determining school policy. On the other hand, limiting the Honor Committee to five members, three of them being Ad Astra's, restricts cadet representation and effectiveness in determining school policy.

The question of honor is a simple one. In an age when the reputation of honor is being debased and toleration of lying, cheating, and stealing is, in many cases, being promoted, it would be an almost impossible task to find seven members of the corps worthy of sitting and judging other cadets. This being the case, no one can justifiably condemn the decision of the administration to reduce cadet membership in the committee.

some clever, degrading classifications that all cadets could fit into.

Think how easy living our lives would become simply by letting Mumbo's committee handle all our affairs for us. Think of all the services we would receive simply by committing ourselves through faith to his Mighty Majesty Jumbo. We could all be alike then, couldn't we? And wouldn't that be fun.

Tom Buchanan

To the Editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to the administration for allowing the corp to wear blue jeans to the Winter Carnival dance. To my knowledge, Col. and Mrs. Livick, Col. Savedge, and Maj. Dekle were responsible for the move. I feel this was a big step in the right direction.

I have talked to a few cadets and teachers about the reasons civilian clothes are not allowed to be worn

on our free time. I understand the reasons are that the number of AWOL's would increase and that possessing civies would be bad for self-discipline. These reasons, I feel, are not legitimate.

Self-discipline is a part of our everyday lives. It is a necessity in athletics, academics, and a number of other areas. To say that dis-allowing blue jeans is a part of self-discipline is?

As far as AWOL's are concerned, any cadet can go into Staunton to acquire civilian clothes for the purpose of going AWOL. I assure you that if blue jeans were allowed for free time use, fewer cadets would be driven over the hill. Besides this, there is little reason to punish the entire corps for the acts of a few individuals.

Respectfully,
Bruce Strange

Perhaps the fact that cadets have been seated on the Advisory Board will offset somewhat the loss of cadet representation on the Honor Committee. However, the question arises: Who do these cadet representatives really represent? They were not selected by the companies they represent. In fact, they were selected by the Advisory Board itself.

There is no doubt that many of the opinions of the corps are rash and unfounded. It is also established that Augusta is, and rightly so, authoritarian in nature, as it is privately rather than publicly operated. Still, a representative cannot be justifiably called a "representative" unless he is chosen by those whom he is supposed to represent.

Webster defines the word "representative" in several ways. For example, the word means "typical" and "one authorized to act for others." It is questionable whether seven hand-picked cadets can truly represent the "others" mentioned by Webster.

Opinions and ideas of most of the Advisory Board will probably be more mature and more reasonable than the average adolescent's. Still, to have a delegation not chosen by those whom it will supposedly represent, is merely superficial and as meaningless as not having one at all.

Doug Driscoll



National recognition

Gunners win one; miss another

Wayne Vincent

Finishing on top of the Texas A & I Postal Championship competition and second in the Virginia National Rifle Association League with a record of 12 wins and two losses, 1972's Hawkeyes have produced one of the finest seasons in the history of the sport at Augusta.

First year coach, SFC Donald Barger proved to be a forceful instructor and a firm believer in self-discipline, and appeared to be instrumental in the Hawkeyes' success.

Augusta's first loss was suffered at the hands of the VNRA champs, Hargrave Military Academy, early in the year. Revenge came in the last match of the season when the Hawkeyes nipped HMA by a mere two points, 1276-1274. AMA's only other loss was to Staunton Military Academy, 1291-1278.

In the Virginia State Championship match, AMA took third place honors, finishing just one point under second place Fork Union Military Academy.

Despite the numerous achievements of this year's team, several Hawkeyes maintain that the team never quite reached its full potential. Said fourth ranked firer, Louis Kennett, "It's really weird because we will do so well in practices, but in a match we never score as high. In practice we are always firing a team average of over 1300."

Steak Dinner

The elusive number of 1300

was reached in the Texas A & I match. The score of 1310 was good enough to win the nationwide tournament as well as a steak dinner promised by last year's coach, SFC Donald Studer.

The Hawkeyes' top five firers this year were Tom Del Valle, team captain, Jay Hunter, Carlos Perez, Louis Kennett, and Jim Hash, team manager. Del Valle's team leading average of 252.50 was an infinitesimal 0.67 points over second-ranked Hawkeye, Jay Hunter. Also averaging over 250 points per match were Carlos Perez and Louis Kennett.

Next year's contingent of returning Hawkeyes will be greeted by entirely new equipment. The new mats and rifles replacing the seven year old ones now being used will be supplied by the United States First Army. The First Army pays for all ammunition and targets, making rifling the least expensive sport at Augusta.



Hawkeye Jim Hash checks over his rifle one last time before the second SMA match.

Bladesmen pile up more impressive stats

Rick Schulherr

Winter at AMA usually means grey days, exams, snow, ice, and a winning fencing team. 1972 has proven no exception.

AMA's Bluestreak fencers opened their season with a "doubleheader." In two home contests played the same day, the bladesmen defeated Tri-Weapons Club 17-10 and trounced the Jewish Community Center 21-6.

Later, facing the Virginia Military Institute squad, first at home and afterward at Lexington, the Bluestreaks harvested another pair of victories, 17-10 and 12-7.

Hopes of a completely undefeated season were dashed, however, by defeat at the hands of Frostburg 17-10 and Mercersburg Academy 15-12.

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JOC TOC is somewhat self explanatory.

Fencers sweep BRFC tourney

Joe Kennedy

Col. P. V. Hoover's fencing team brought home the "spoils of victory" February 26, retrieving numerous awards and honors from the Blue Ridge

Fencing Conference championship tournament. Among these were the foil and epee trophies and the tournament trophy itself.

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Center in Baltimore, Maryland, the tournament began at 8:00 PM. It was the Conference's fourth annual meet.

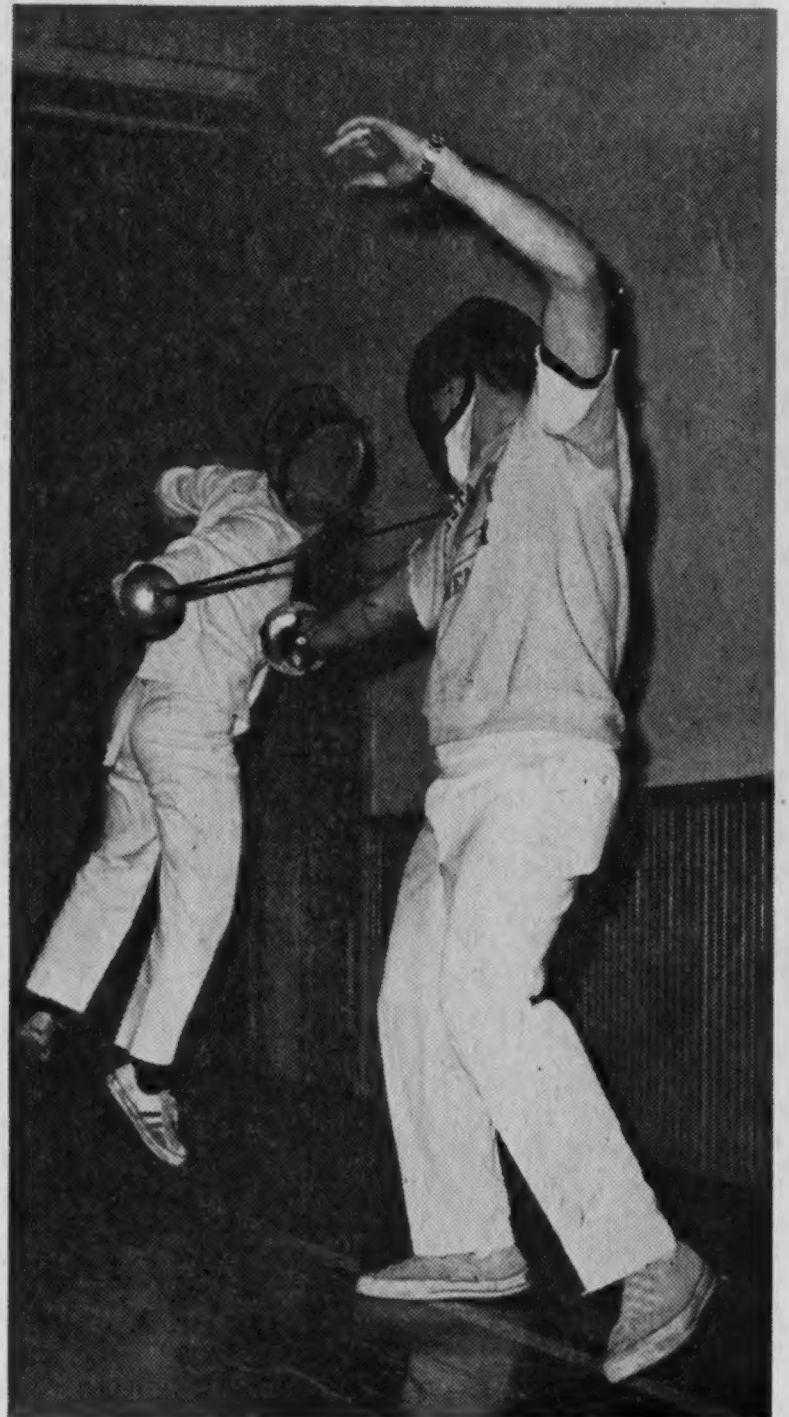
Three competitors in each weapon, sabre, foil, and epee, represented each participating squad, with the exception of the JCC which entered only the foil and epee competitions.

Representing AMA in sabre were Don Malnati, Lindsay Sharpless, and Wayne Vincent; in epee, Mark Femrite, Tom McCabe, and David Zook; and in foil, Harry Baldwin, Herb Maher, and Lee Ramsey.

Three Finalists

Femrite, Malnati, and Ramsey were picked to participate in the All Conference Team. All three had placed in the tournament finals.

Commenting on the Bluestreaks success, foil-man Herb Maher said, "the Lord was with us all the way!"



In one of the many tedious practice sessions in Hoover Hall, Cory Chapman (lef.) lunges at epee-man, Diego Suarez. The long hours of work paid off for the highly successful Bladesmen.

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young cagers overpowered

Mike Mann

Augusta's Junior Varsity basketball team has concluded what can only be termed, a rather disappointing season, with a record of two wins and eight losses.

Opening the season on January 18, they were defeated by Hargrave Military Academy, 72-44. The Baby Streaks evened their record in their next game by defeating Staunton Military Academy, 68-63.

An overpowering Fork Union handed the Baby Streaks their next setback by a score of 71-19. They met a similar fate in their second stand against Hargrave.

By defeating Massanutten 50-35, the JV's gained their second and last victory of the year. Their next five games were lost to Greenbrier twice, FUMA, SMA,

and Massanutten.

Coaches Lt. Jerry Kuehn and Lt. Max Hutton pretty much stuck to the same starting lineup throughout the season. The starting five were led offensively by forward, Ron Sleigle who averaged 21 points per game. Off the boards were Tom Price and Richard Woodson. Mike Minnuni was the leading ball handler, and Jerry Chambley was valued for his defensive skills.

The main obstacle that kept the '72 Baby Streaks from winning consistently was youth. Two juniors, a sophomore, a seventh grader, and an eighth grader led the team in a league of seniors and post-graduates.

"We can't change the past, but with a team like this we have a future," commented Coach Hutton.

Carter inks 'Wolf' pact

Doug Driscoll

AMA's middle linebacker and offensive center, Douglas Carter, signed a full four-year grant-in-aid contract with North Carolina State, February 1.



Doug Carter

Carter made the Virginia Military Schools League football team as a middle linebacker and impressed NC State's coach,

Lou Holtz with his defensive skills.

Weighing 218 pounds and standing 5-foot-10, Carter is classed by Augusta's coach, Lt. David Holtzclaw as, "one of the best players I have ever coached." He has played under Coach Holtzclaw four years, three of which while at Lee High School in Staunton.

In his three years at Lee, Carter won All-District honors. He won a place on Virginia's honorable mention list as a junior and made the All-Regional and All-State teams as a senior.

AMA's Assistant coach, Capt. David Trimble, notes that Carter is "one of the most coachable players I have known," and Coach Holtzclaw sums up his playing ability by saying, "If all the players I coach were like Doug, coaching could be a real pleasure."

Former AMA coach steps down

Former Augusta football coach, Mr. Nicholas Wilk, has announced his plans to step down as head football coach at Riverheads High School in Greenville. The announcement was made by the school's athletic director, Jim Stout, last month.

Coach Wilk has been on the Riverheads High School coaching staff for four years, serving as head coach for the last three. His three-year record at the nearby school was 4-25-1.

Living in Band Barracks and teaching lower school, Coach

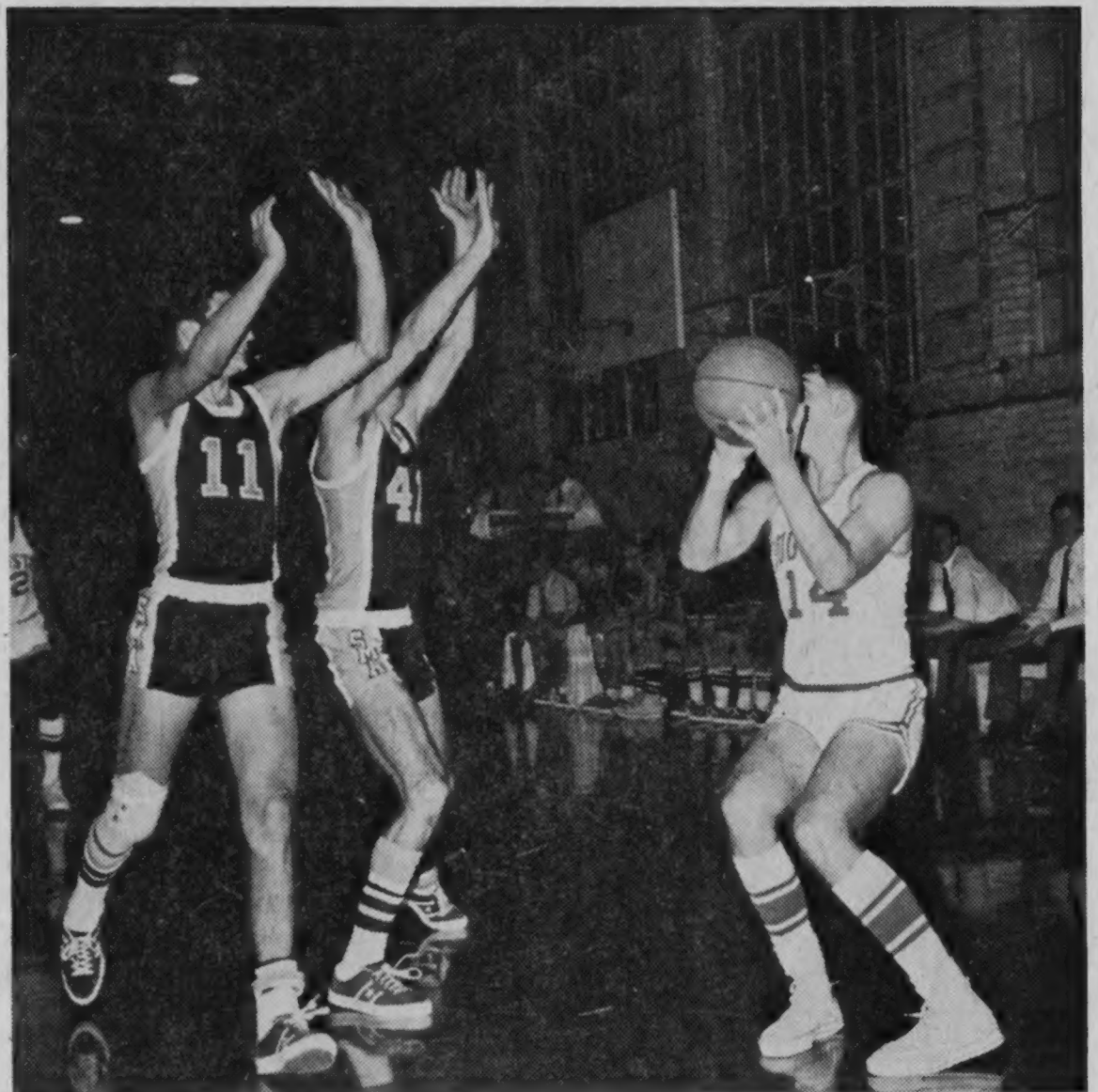
Wilk served on the AMA coaching staff for two years. He left Augusta and went to Riverheads in 1968.

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Wayne Garrett (11) and Ken Mayhem (41) can block it.

'Mental Mistakes' hinder varsity Streaks

Carl Kellogg

Falling to Massanutten Military Academy 83-76 on February 21, the AMA varsity cagers finished their regular season with a record of three wins and 17 losses. The team was unable to gain a single Virginia Military Schools League victory.

Maj. James Hogg, Augusta's head basketball coach, attributes most of the losses to "mental mistakes," the "old bugaboo of

turnovers," and at times poor defense and lack of control on the boards. He stated that throughout the year improvements were made, and that many of the losses were tough ones that we should have had.

AMA Bluestreak victories were all away games except the Fishburne contest. Coach Hogg chalked up these successes to good rebounding and fine shoot-

ing. They were non-league victories, but, said Maj. Hogg, "It is always great to win."

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W. Vincent, R. Shobe, and Rick Summerfield reflect solar rays as they head for some place where they can get their minds off things.

Yul Brenner(s) besiege AMA

When cadets Wayne Vincent, Ronnie Shobe, Bill Hopkins, and Rick Summerfield shaved their heads after exams, both the corps and the administration reacted strongly.

Most people thought they looked ridiculous, the "skinheads" reported, and rumor had it that the four Yul Brenners had been given indefinite tours.

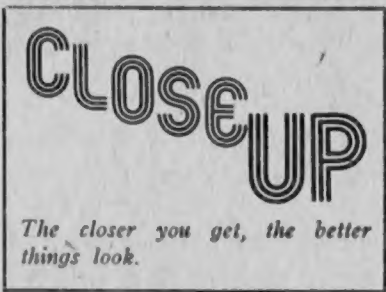
The "skinheads" said that most of the turmoil between them and the administration was due to a misunderstanding. They explained that school authorities thought that they had shaved their heads in order to antagonize the administration. They added that they knew of no rule against cutting one's own hair (i.e., "only hair cuts by the school barbers are authorized"), and they said that they

thought the school was "out to get them."

The reasons for their drastic action? All four of the "skinheads" agreed that they were intrigued by the idea of being the only hairless cadets in the corps. Though Summerfield (who cut his hair a night before the rest) and Shobe admitted that "If I can't have long hair, I'd rather have none at all."

Of the four, all except Hopkins stated that they would have maintained their new "head-style" for the rest of the school year if allowed to, had it not been for the fact that Vincent discovered that continual scalp shaving will make hair grow back curly. All agreed that they could do without eventual curls.

Bill Hammond, who rooms with Shobe and Hopkins, said



he was disgusted by their new look and requested a room change. However, he eventually grew reconciled to their new "head-style" and stayed put.

As for the indefinite tours, the apparent impasse between "skinheads" and administration was broken by the announced penalty of only three tours, which the four bald ones thought was fair.

According to Vincent, the only major change in his life resulting from the radical and sudden exposure of his skull to public view was that "everybody wanted to feel it!"

under John's music lie madman's lyrics

Doug Driscoll

Elton John's ability to make music comes through on **Madman Across the Water**, but it is not Elton John who is coming through on the album. The man you are listening to is Bernie Taupin. Elton John is the medium.

On stage, Elton John proves his ability as a musician. He is a natural showman. His albums, however, belong to Taupin.

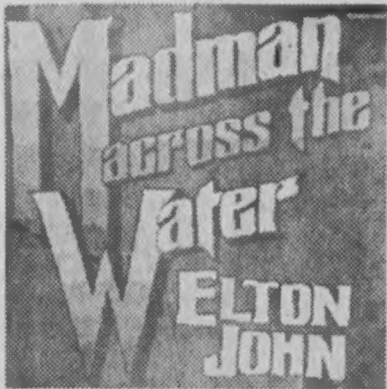
Bernie Taupin is John's lyricist. He is the reason **Madman Across the Water**, like **Tumbleweed Connection**, grows on the listener.

Taupin's lyrics are intriguing. It takes months of "getting into" them to get their full meaning. He is an Englishman with a hang up about America, especially the "cowboy and Indian" America of the mid nineteenth century. **Tumbleweed Connection** is solely cowboys, Civil War heroes, and other American relics.

In **Madman**, Taupin jumps to the early twentieth century, occasionally skipping back and forth from Indians to Jesus Freaks.

On the surface Taupin's lyrics appear to be irrelevant. On studying them, however, one finds that without directly involving themselves with politics or society that they have direct application to everyday life.

In "Indian Sunset" he implies that the Indians should have made a last stand to the death, this being the only way they would ever have had real peace. He implies, in other words, that victory, whether actual or only moral, is the result of struggle only.



Madman across the water

Again, in "Rotten Peaches" he recites the griefs and fears of a criminal, while in the title song he portrays from the inside the insanity of a schizophrenic paranoid. In short he puts himself within the characters he describes and finds their emotions, their loves and hates, their needs and anxieties, very much like his own and our own.

This is the fascination of Taupin's lyrics: they reveal the listener to himself. Elton John's music only magnifies Taupin's meaning.

Asylum recording portrays poet, singer

Wayne Vincent

Asylum Choir II is Leon Russell: basic, informal, and to the point.

Evidence of this is that the album begins on Side Two with an "Introduction" in which Russell seeks advice from Rita Coolidge on what version of "Straight Brother" to play, flips a coin, and begins!

From start to finish Russell plays a basic piano which he accompanies with what can almost be called a "voice," and keeps your attention for roughly 34 minutes.

What holds the album together, though, are Russell's lyrics. He makes no bones about the message he wants to convey, and is probably too obvious.


But his lyrics are so clever that they are almost impossible to



Asylum Choir

forget. Each song has one or two lines that are standouts.

These lyrics make the album worth buying regardless of how basic the instrumentation accompanying them.



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Talent topped by 'FLOSSIE' Talent Production Highlights Winter Carnival

Paul Cartwright

Through the efforts of cadets Steve Traylor and Mark Femrite, AMA's Cadet Corps once again kicked off the Annual Winter Carnival with a talent show, February 18.

Bad weather prevented Fairfax Hall from coming to the

show, but it couldn't stop the determined Stuart Hall girls who helped provide both an eye-opening and an entertaining evening.

Highlighting the show was Jim Hash and his band who took first place for their version of

Graham Nash's "Chicago" and their performance of one of Hash's original compositions, "Take My Song To Her."

Stride Coleman and Spencer Griffin took second place with a country and western act. The reaction from the audience to Stride's "Folsom Prison Blues" far surpassed the enthusiasm shown toward any other act all night.

Stuart Hall's Heidi Johnson was awarded a medal for third place for her rendition of "Fire and Rain" and "Country Road."

Other popular acts included

the Lohman Legs; drum solos by Andy Bell, Drew Rankin, and Jeff Irish; guitar solos by Ed Lentz and Chuck Knapp; a Stuart Hall take-off on "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"; and a soul routine by Warren Fleming and Patrick Lewis.

Bill Creekmore amazed the corps with a voice that could barely be distinguished from Cat Stevens', and John Comstock and Buzz Etheridge rocked along with Three Dog Night and "One."

Almost upstaging the awards was the faculty-cadet "fashion

show." Cadets described Captains Browning, Mannasmith, and Ridge as "dazzling," "spectacular," and "sweet," but Gypsy Rose Lee herself has nothing over Capt. Ernest James who put on a burlesque act that left even Mrs. Livick speechless.

According to one cadet who observed the performance, "He, or she, or whatever it was, looked so good I could have reached up and kissed her."

Most faculty members simply stated, "No comment!" when asked their feelings about Capt. James' antics.

Every Emcee has his hangups

Doug Driscoll

Steve Traylor was rehearsing Ed Lentz's Talent Show act in the Big Room two days before the show was slated to open Augusta's Fourth Annual Winter Carnival. With less than 48 hours to go, acts, time allotments, and personnel for the show were still uncertain.

Just starting the show was a worry that had been plaguing Steve since September when he and Lawrence "Moose" Hanning were first asked to emcee the show. "We must have come up with at least 50 different ways to do it," Steve said. "The one I like best is 'Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the AMA Talent Show. I realize you are all very nervous since this is your first time in front of me, but . . .'"

There were more problems than just opening the show, however. A general breakdown of morale occurred when "Moose" unexpectedly left school right after Christmas. "That broke my spirit alright," said Traylor, "but Mark Femrite really helped me build up my enthusiasm again."

Then there was the problem with the time limit. Last year's show was long and drawn out, lasting almost four hours. To

prevent the same thing from occurring this year, Col. Livick placed an hour and a half time limit on the show. According to Traylor, 90 minutes was not enough.

Local girls schools were another hassle. "Fairfax Hall had a dynamite singing act, but the girls decided not to waste their talent on a military school," remarked Traylor.

At one time it appeared Stuart Hall wouldn't make it either. "It was mostly our fault," Steve explained. "We didn't bother to notify Miss Jones (Stuart Hall's headmistress) directly. We just took it for granted that she knew because all the girls knew. It turned out that Stuart Hall had something else scheduled that weekend, so either Stuart Hall or we had to change our plans." Stuart Hall and Miss Jones did.

Securing equipment for the show was another problem. "I had to get a piano in there for Jim Hash. I talked to Alan Samuels and Blaine Clarke, and they said 'no way.' But Jim talked to Doc Savedge who said 'can do' and about ten of us spent about a half an hour struggling with a piano and putting it on the stage," Traylor said.

Other details had to be taken care of yet. The stage was still not set up, arrangements for judges had not been made, and Steve had no idea about what to do himself. Furthermore, cadets had in all only two days to prepare their acts.

This last hassle was actually one that Steve had planned. "Last year they started practicing some three weeks ahead of time. I want the acts more ad lib. If the performers only have a couple of practices beforehand, their acts will be more alive."

February 18 arrived right on schedule. Steve took the attitude that the show must go on, and at 7:30 PM it did. Stuart Hall contributed two acts; Fairfax decided to come after all, but was prevented from doing so by snow-covered highways; the stage was a mess; but the show did go on.

An informal atmosphere added something to the show that has been missing for the past three years. Steve and Mark Femrite ad libbed their way to a successful show. Jim Hash's piano helped him take first place honors, and the whole thing, including Capt. Ernest James' striptease lasted a whole two and a half hours.



winter carnival breaks winter blahs, monotony

Wayne Vincent

Emcees Steve Traylor and Mark Femrite, along with the combined talents of Stuart Hall and AMA, opened Augusta's Fourth Annual Winter Carnival Weekend with a talent show Friday night, February 18. In addition to talent, the carnival's opening was also blessed with snow for the first time ever.

"Wine, women, and song" (minus the wine), horror, civies, and snow would have been appropriate themes for Saturday night's activities.

"House of Dark Shadows"

filled the Big Room with hand-covered faces, gasps, and horror buffs.

Afterward an unexpected PA announcement astounded the corps with the news that any type of clothing could be worn to the dance held that night in the Mess Hall. Nearly everyone emerged from barracks wearing civilian clothes.

The evening closed with sled and toboggan tracks left in the snow as cadets and their dates raced toward the bonfire at

"Cow Paddy Beach."